



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING
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Alien Firearms License Applicant Refund

Dear Applicant:

In May, 2006 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted an audit and found local law enforcement agencies were using the Immigration Alien Query, National Criminal Information Center and Interstate Identification Index, as part of the background check process for approving alien firearms licenses. The FBI informed those agencies that federal law prohibits the use of these databases for secondhand dissemination of the criminal history to a non-criminal justice agency (i.e. Department of Licensing) for license issuance.

Without these checks, law enforcement is unable to meet the requirements of state law to determine if an applicant is lawfully present in the United States and may lawfully possess a firearm. Without this approval from local law enforcement, the Department of Licensing is unable by law to issue the license.

The Department of Licensing has discussed possible options with the FBI to resolve this matter, but have been unsuccessful. Bills were introduced in the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions, but none of them passed out of committee.

We will be sending you a full refund.

Because we have been unable to fulfill our obligation to issue your alien firearms license or to provide a renewal license, we will send you a refund in the amount of \$79.00. We are working on the logistics of the refund process and expect to mail the checks in mid-August.

If the law is changed, will I be able to re-apply?
Yes.

The Department of Licensing will continue to work on solutions to this problem. If we are successful, you may be able to re-apply by completing a new application.

If you would like to be included on a mailing list to receive information on any future changes, please provide your contact information, name, address, phone or e-mail address on the form provided. Mail it back to us in the self addressed envelope and we will keep it on file.

If you have further questions, contact the Firearms unit at 360-664-6616 or 664-6622.

Sincerely,

Pat Brown, Administrator

**ALIEN FIREARMS LICENSE
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FORM**

Please provide the following information in order for us to keep you advised on any changes or information regarding this issue.

PLEASE PRINT:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

ADDRESS INFORMATION:

Street Address or
PO Box: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip code: _____

Email address: _____

Once completed, please send this back to the Firearms Unit in the self addressed envelope provided for you.

You may also e-mail this information to: firearms@dol.wa.gov